Receive

"⁸ God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. ¹⁰ For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." (Ephesians 2:8-9, NLT)

Grace – Getting what we do not deserve.

2 Peter 3:18

We must Grow in grace and knowledge.

How do we grow in grace and knowledge?

- 1. Reading The Word
- 2. Applying God's grace in our lives
- 3. Spending time with Jesus

The more we spend time with Jesus, the more we become like Jesus.

Reflect_____

^{"12} Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. ¹³ Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony." (Colossians 3:12-15, NLT)

Mercy – Not getting what we deserve.

Jonah believed Ninevah deserved the wrath of God, but He didn't deserve it.

We are not owed Grace, but we are given Grace.

Grace has not only been given to you but it has been given to everyone.

^{"20} God's law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were. But as people sinned more and more, God's wonderful grace became more abundant." (Romans 5:20, NLT)

1. Share about a time when you received grace when you did not deserve it.

Read Ephesians 2:1-9.
What stands out to you most about this passage?

3. How might we attempt to earn grace from God? Why does Paul say grace is not earned?

4. Read Peter 2 Peter 3:18.How do we grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus?

5. The Pastor said, "Grace has not only been given to you but it has been given to everyone," what makes this truth challenging and encouraging?